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1. When [] ship arrived in Constanta [] two Soviet cruisers were observed at anchor east of the port. One cruiser was anchored about two miles out from the breakwater [] The other cruiser was anchored farther out []

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2. Cruiser [] was dark gray in color, had a flush deck, two masts, and two stacks with raked caps. The stacks were placed amidship and the space between them was empty. There were two three-barreled turrets forward and two aft, mounted one low and one high. Some of the guns in the turrets were elevated at an angle of more than 60°. The face and top of the turrets were flat and sloping with a juncture at the gun ports; the sides were rounded. Above each of the two raised turrets there was a cylindrical shaped instrument. Two fire directors, in each of which there was a rangefinder, were seen. One was on top of the bridge and the other between the stacks and the after turrets. Between the after stack and the director, there was a small caliber gun on the starboard side of the ship. Two sets of radar antennas were observed. About two meters below the top of the forward mast there was an antenna of the type HIGH SIEVE. On top of the after mast there was a curved antenna of the type used for navigation. The Soviet flag was flown from the stern of the ship.

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3. [] ship moored at the end of New Pier [] Moored on the south side near the base of this pier, there was a target mounted on four small steel hulls. The Rumanian coastal destroyers [] were training with depth charges outside of and to the west of the harbor. The depth charges were fired into the sea and then recovered by wires and ropes which were attached to them. This practice was repeated 10 to 15 times. A dinghy was observed moving back and forth in the practice area; its purpose could not be determined.

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4. [] ship moored at the eastern end of North Quay [] The cranes on the quay were capable of loading 1,500 tons of cement aboard

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in 24 hours. Four cranes of 3-5 tons capacity, brought from East Germany and newly installed, were primarily responsible for this efficiency. These cranes operated along North Quay. New warehouses were being constructed along the quay. There was much activity in front of these warehouses. There were ditches in which iron pipes of 8 to 10 cm. were being layed; rails were being layed for the cranes; the road was being levelled; and stones had been removed from several places along the quay. Midway along the southern side of North Pier there was a fixed crane of 50 tons capacity.

5. Two hundred and fifty to three hundred bales of rubber, each about 1/4 cubic meter in volume, were stored behind the passenger terminal.
6. Soviet [REDACTED] ships were loading cement or petroleum in the port.
7. Soviet officers up to the rank of colonel, some of whom wore tank insignias on their collars, were encountered in Constanta.

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